

Remarks

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 7-12, 13-15, 17-20, 30-33 are currently active in this case and Claim 32 has been amended by way of the present amendment. Each claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

Applicants have amended Claim 32 for clarity. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to Claim 32 is supported by Applicants' specification as filed and no new matter has been added.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned who will be more than happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to determine mutually satisfactory claim language.

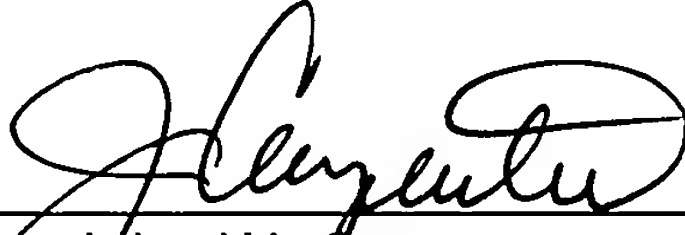
Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 or § 1.17 to **Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 353600.01901**.

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